

House Resolution 554

By: Representatives Heard of the 114th, Smith of the 113th, and McKillip of the 115th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Celebrating the life of Willie Howard McBride; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Willie Howard McBride, born December 8, 1925, in the small town of Camilla,
3 Georgia, was the youngest child of the late Emanuel and Artie Belle McBride; and
- 4 WHEREAS, he was born into a Christian home, and during his early childhood, he attended
5 the Church of God in Christ and Union Baptist Church of Camilla, which he later joined; and
- 6 WHEREAS, from elementary through high school he was an honor roll student, graduating
7 valedictorian of his class, and after finishing high school, he attended N.Y.A. School in
8 Jesup, Georgia, completing a course that qualified him as a certified machinist with a
9 guaranteed deferment against the draft; however, he opted to attend college in September and
10 was drafted into the navy in February of the following year; and
- 11 WHEREAS, during his navy career, he was stationed on the troop transport ship, USS
12 *General S.D. Sturgis*, which was the third ship to dock at Yokohama, Japan, three days
13 before the treaty of surrender was signed; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Willie returned to Savannah State College in 1946, graduating with a B.S. in
15 Social Science in 1949, and he later he earned an M.A. in Education Administration; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he served 38 years in the Georgia Public School System in a variety of
17 positions; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he served as president of the Georgia Council of Mathematics Teachers of
19 Georgia Teachers Education Association (GTEA) Region 10; director of GTEA; local unit
20 president, Clarke County Unit of GTEA; mathematics consultant for the Georgia State
21 Department of Education; was named Teacher of the Year; and was a consultant on eight
22 Southern Association evaluations of elementary, middle, junior, and high schools; and

1 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Breakfast Optimist Club of Athens; lifetime member
2 of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Athens Alumni Chapter; lifetime member of Phi Delta Kappa
3 Fraternity, University of Georgia Chapter; member of the Men's Civic Club of Athens;
4 president of Savannah State College Alumni Chapter (local and national); member of the
5 Atlanta University Alumni Chapter (local and national); lifetime member of the Georgia
6 Retired Educators Association; lifetime member of the NAACP; past president and current
7 parliamentarian of Athens Area Retired Educators; leadership training officer, Northeast
8 Council Boy Scouts of America; and sports referee (30 years) for G.H.S.A and G.I.A.; and

9 WHEREAS, one of his greatest pleasures was working as a member of Ebenezer Baptist
10 Church, West, where he served on the Trustee Board, as chairman of the Board of Deacons,
11 and in many other capacities; and

12 WHEREAS, he leaves to cherish his memory a loving and devoted wife of 53 years, Frances
13 Eberhardt McBride; a son, Reginald V. McBride; a daughter-in-law, Dr. Donna McBride of
14 Stockbridge, Georgia; two grandchildren, Reginald McBride II and Adonna McBride; two
15 sisters-in-law, Rosa Lee Childs of Columbus, Georgia, and Matilda Simpson of Atlantic City,
16 New Jersey; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
18 the members of this body celebrate the life well lived of Willie Howard McBride and offer
19 their condolences to his family and friends upon his passing.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
21 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Willie Howard
22 McBride.